
Subject: Opposition to Bill 86

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Council Member Djou,

Thank you for your letter of January 23, 2007 requesting thoughts or comments relating to Bill 86 and the attached amendments.

The development community is united in its opposition to the bill in any form. To ask developers, land owners and investors to stop projects they may have invested significant time, money and other resources sends the wrong message on how we do business in Honolulu and Hawaii in general and will cause disruption among many tax paying employees dependent upon the real estate and construction industries for their welfare. It is akin to asking a sugar grower to stop tending to his harvest and not plant for the upcoming season. Not only will the grower be economically devastated, it is unlikely he will grow again and his well trained workers will be scattered about.

We understand the need to plan responsibly for the upcoming transit system. We offer our resources to the City and County to assist in this interim period to bring about the necessary planning. We urge the City and County to accelerate the conception and implementation of a Transit Oriented Development zoning ordinance. If necessary, resources outside DPP should be brought to bear on the subject.

Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

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